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SAN FRANCISCO DEVASTATED BY EARTHQUAKE AND FIRE.



General view of San Francisco, where 100,000 people are now homeless, the result of the terrible earthquake. The loss sustained by the disaster is estimated at at least £20,000,000. The lofty building on the left of the photograph is the Spreckels Building,

which has been destroyed. Nearly all the buildings in the foreground are now in ruins. In the distance can be seen the harbour, the shipping in which sustained no damage, as no tidal wave followed the earthquake.



The famous Golden Gate, the entrance to the harbour of San Francisco, as seen at sunset.

200,000 HOMELESS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Great City Said To Be
"Practically Destroyed."

OFFICIAL REPORT.

Day and a Half of Raging Fire
Completes the Ruin.

SHOOTING OF LOOTERS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

NEW YORK, Thursday.—San Francisco is practically destroyed. So runs an official message from General Funston, who has been appointed a kind of Treppoff in the doomed city—to preserve order and repress the blackguardism that follows a great catastrophe.

All through last night the fire, fanned by a gale, ate its destroying way through the busiest, most populous, and most wealthy sections of the great Californian city. It would need the pen of a Zola to describe such a night of horror. Even the fragmentary messages that arrived by the few wires working gave a striking picture of the scene.

Despite the blowing up of whole blocks of houses the flames leaped over all obstacles. The wooden houses, so common in the older parts of the city, burned like matchboxes. The residential districts were invaded, and people were seen rushing out of their homes laden with watches, cash-boxes, and all other portable property. There was no light but the glare in the sky. Gas and electricity were both gone, but the fire somewhere made night as bright as day.

The firemen, having only the sea from which to draw water, were nearly helpless, though they worked with the savage energy of the American. One by one all the theatres that had withstood



GENERAL FUNSTON.

the first shock of the earthquake were burned down. The Grand Opera House collapsed, and the singers lost their personal belongings. The artists, however, saved their lives.

How many people lost their lives in the fire will never be known. Hundreds were roasted to death, and their bodies will never be found. But all night long motor-cars and express wagons were at work conveying the dead and injured to the morgues and the hospital.

The first estimates were evidently quite inadequate. Probably not fewer than 5,000 people have been killed.

As was to be expected the worst elements of the most cosmopolitan town in America broke out into wild disorder. Chinese, Italians, Spaniards, Mexicans, Germans, and French, all fought in the fury of panic. Loafers of all kinds, the first alarm passed, turned their attention to looting.

It was not a time for gentle methods. General Funston put down street fighting with bayonets, and summarily shot all looters caught red-handed.

ONLY RUINED FRAMEWORK REMAINED.

When the dreary dawn came the sun rose on a scene such as has perhaps never afflicted human eye since the Great Fire of London. Of the fair city that had a day before reared its hundreds of towers and domes to the sky only the ruined framework remained. It was now possible to tell what had happened.

China Town, a small edition of Pekin or Tientsin, with 35,000 Celestial inhabitants, was no more. All its theatres and joss-houses, and its mysterious alleys were gone. The Japanese quarter was also destroyed. The Jesuit church of St. Ignatius, which cost £400,000, was gone. So were the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art; the great Sutro Library, containing the most valuable collection of old books in the "New World"; the great St. Francis Hotel, and the Merchants' Exchange. Only the skeleton of the "Chronicle" building, the last newspaper to succumb, remained.

The City Hall, Spreckels Building, Mechanics Pavilion, Opera House, and all the best theatres

THE LAST GREAT NEWSPAPER OFFICE DESTROYED.



The "Daily Chronicle" Building, with Kearny-street on the left and Market-street on the right.

were levelled to the ground. Altogether some eight square miles had been swept by the flames.

And still the fire was sweeping on—no longer in the infernal majesty of the night time, but in its naked hideousness.

Whole blocks of buildings were blown up by dynamite, but the flames leaped across immense distances, and started fires in fresh places. At last the fire brigade and troops were more helpless than ever, for the supply of explosives began to run out, and it was soon seen that, unless the wind dropped, the city was doomed.

The sea of flames spread from the water-front backwards in a broad line, and finally invaded the district of Nob Hill, where many great capitalists have their mansions. At the time of telegraphing, the great Fairmount Hotel in this district was blazing, and it looked as if nothing could save the whole region.

Thousands of homeless people are huddled in the parks and squares with their household goods, and are awaiting the tents and rations promised by the Government.

In Golden Gate Park, the principal park, which is itself threatened by the flames, there are 20,000 refugees. Sufferings from want of food and water are already acute.

CITY PRACTICALLY DESTROYED.

WASHINGTON, Thursday (Later).—General Funston telegraphs to the War Department:

"San Francisco is practically destroyed. Troops have been aiding the police, and working in conjunction with the civil authorities.

"You cannot send too many tents or rations. About 200,000 persons are now homeless. Food is very scarce, as the provision houses are all destroyed. All the Government buildings in the city have been destroyed."—Reuter.

Mr. Taft has ordered 200,000 rations from Vancouver Barracks, the nearest available point, and will order tents immediately.—Reuter.

MINT AND TREASURE SAVED.

SAN FRANCISCO, Thursday (9 a.m.)—Down town everything is in ruins, and not a business house is left standing. The theatres are crumpled heaps of ruins.

The United States mint at San Francisco escaped serious damage from the earthquake and subsequent fire, and the stock of gold and silver coin and bullion, amounting to about £7,500,000, is safe.

Every building around the entire mint has been burned to the ground, and the mint is the only building not destroyed for a distance of several blocks.

The employees, with the mint fire apparatus and the help of the fire department, successfully fought the fire, but the windows were burned out and one side of a heavy stone cornice was melted off, while the roof was partly burned.—Reuter.

£50,000,000 INSURANCE.

BRITISH COMPANIES DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THE GREAT FIRE.

Fire insurance risks in San Francisco are estimated at the gigantic total of £50,000,000.

The question of how far the insurance companies are liable is a very nice and difficult one.

It was explained to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday by the manager of one of the largest English companies in the following manner:

"If the buildings have caught fire while standing owing to the earthquake overturning a lamp, for instance, most of the English companies insuring San Francisco property would be liable. But if the buildings were already thrown down by the earthquake before catching fire, the companies would not be liable."

"Four English companies insuring San Francisco property, on the other hand, except earthquake altogether in their policies, and so will not be liable at all. But as a matter of fact they would pay if the others paid, as they would lose prestige."

"The confidence felt by Americans generally in English insurance companies has resulted in very heavy fire insurances in San Francisco having been effected in Great Britain."

"The total risk involved is at least £20,000,000, and is probably a good deal in excess of that sum."

This is the list of English companies most interested, according to another expert:

The London Assurance.	London and Lancashire Commercial Union.
Phoenix.	Alliance.
Royal.	Caledonian.
Liverpool, London, and Law Union.	Globe.
Globe.	Sun.

The London Assurance has the biggest interest of any.

A Liverpool telegram adds: On the extent of the calamity becoming known Royal Insurance shares fell from 56½ to 53½, and the Liverpool, London, and Globe from 32½ to 49½.

AMERICANS' PRACTICAL SYMPATHY.

The American Ambassador will preside at a meeting of Americans at the Hotel Cecil at 5 p.m. this afternoon.

The object is to arrange some substantial expression of the sympathy felt by Americans

RUINED ON A HOLIDAY.

The Cunard liner *Caronia* arrived at Liverpool yesterday with several San Francisco residents on board.

One, named Moffatt, was handed a cablegram stating that the whole of his manufacturing plant and factory had been destroyed. "I came on a holiday," he exclaimed, "and I am now almost a ruined man. I was not insured."

TORTURED BY SUSPENSE.

Statesmen and Millionaires Cannot

Learn Their Friends' Fate.

SILENCE OF DEATH.

One of the most harrowing features of the catastrophe is the frenzied anxiety experienced by hundreds of thousands by reason of the impossibility of communicating with the stricken city. The telegraph offices throughout the United States are besieged by frantic men and women imploring the officials to obtain for them some tidings of their loved ones.

But this is beyond any human power to compass.

The United States Secretary of Commerce, Mr. Metcalf, whose home is in Oakland, with all the influence of the United States Government at his command, only succeeded yesterday in obtaining an answer to his telegram to Oakland. It simply stated that his family were unable to communicate with his relatives in San Francisco.

VAST FORTUNES WIPE OUT.

Congressman Kahn, of San Francisco, with the help of the entire Press and the Government War Department, has been vainly seeking news of his wife. Yesterday, says Laffan, he started for the West in a half-crazed condition.

Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt and Mrs. Herman Oerlich, whose vast fortunes are probably almost wiped out by the catastrophe, and whose husbands control railroads and telephone lines, at noon to-day stood with the poorest people in New York, quite powerless to learn the fate of their friends or property.

The only wires actually working in San Francisco are those belonging to the Western Union Company at the ferry, which, now safe from the fire, is cut off from access to the unburnt portions of the city except through a heroic effort. The Postal Telegraph Office has been driven to Oakland across the bay. Both the Postal and the Western Union Companies are sending relief messages free, but it is a physical impossibility to attempt to deliver personal messages amid a chaos whose horrors rival the wildest descriptions of Dante's Inferno.

SHAKESPEARE RELICS DESTROYED.

NEW YORK, Thursday.—One of the irreparable losses caused by the earthquake is that of the Sutro Library of old books.

The rare works included a complete set of the Shakespearean folios, the first, second, third, and fourth. The second folio was slightly scorched during the Great Fire of London.

The Shakespearean included the rent-roll of Shakespearian Meadow, about the purchase of which a protest was made in the British Press, and also by the British Museum authorities. Also a hymnal, which had been authentically proved to have been handed to Charles II. when he re-entered London.—Laffan.

CALM AMID HORRORS.

OAKLAND, Thursday.—Sailors from the warships are assisting the firemen, and at some points officers with drawn pistols are forcing citizens to aid in the work.

The new post office building being gutted, no letters can be delivered, and the local telegraph and telephone lines are useless.

A noticeable feature of the disaster has been the remarkable calmness of the people. They are seemingly half-dazed by the magnitude of the disaster. Reuter Special.

ENGLISHMEN PROBABLY SAFE.

"Englishmen and other foreigners staying in the big hotels are doubtless safe, as the casualties have been hitherto confined to the occupants of the poorer tenement section of the city."—Reuter.

The only English victim whose name has come through yet is Frank Burge, aged sixty-five.

RUN ON BANKS.

OAKLAND (Cal.), Thursday.—A strange feature was the run that was started on the banks. A mob of dishevelled men gathered in front of the buildings, some beating on the doors, demanding their money in order to flee to safer places.—Laffan.

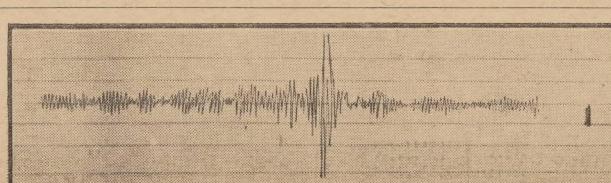
The Mayor of Boston has telegraphed £5,000 for the sufferers.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller has sent £20,000 for the relief of the sufferers.

The U.S. Senate has passed an appropriation of £200,000 for the relief of the sufferers.

President Félix Faure and the Kaiser have telegraphed their heartfelt condolences to President Roosevelt.

A committee (of which Mr. Hearst, the great newspaper proprietor, is chairman) has been formed in New York to assist the victims of the San Francisco disaster. Each member of the committee has contributed £400.



Professor Milne's chart of earthquake, taken at Newport, Isle of Wight.

WILL THERE BE A ZULU WAR?

Situation the Worst That Has
Yet Been Encountered.

TREACHEROUS CHIEFS.

The innate wiliness of the Zulu is causing grave trouble in Natal, and the white population regards the situation as the most serious that has yet been encountered.

Not only is the rebel chief, Bambaata, still at large, but several Zulu chiefs are reported have either joined him or openly refused to pursue him.

Two powerful chiefs, Sigandi and N'Dubi, are said to have flatly declined to aid the British authorities in their attempts to capture the runaway firebrand.

The protestations of loyalty on the part of Dini-zulu are in great measure distrusted.

Sir Henry McCallum, the Governor of Natal, states that Mr. Saunders, the Native Commissioner, regards the situation as full of the most serious possibilities.

Boers To Aid British.

Reuter's Agency learns on inquiry in official quarters that Sir Henry McCallum also telegraphs that official sanction has been given to General Cherry Emmett to dispatch a Boer commando of 250 men from the Vryheid district to co-operate with the British forces.

In other quarters Reuter's Agency learns that even if the Zulus as a whole become disaffected they will not be in a position to offer the same resistance as during the Zulu war, for they have now no regimental system, as they had under the old Zulu kings, their regiments having been disbanded.

Dinizulu's headquarters are in the N'Dwandwe magistracy in Northern Zululand, close to the Vryheid border.

10,000 Militia Available.

The strength of the active militia in Natal is 4,500, but when the first and second reserves are called out about 10,000 men will be available for service in the field. The only Imperial troops in Natal are the Cameron Highlanders, who were recently sent from Johannesburg to Maritzburg at the commencement of the native disturbances.

It is fully recognised that the situation calls for the employment of an imposing force, even if no general rising occurs. But the strength of the force to be employed rests entirely with the Colonial authorities. So far as is known, there is at present no indication of the assistance of Imperial troops being asked for.

"We Go with Our Hearts Black."

A letter, emanating from the Northern Transvaal from a writer, who is singularly well-informed with regard to native affairs, says—

This native business is very serious. News has come from Zululand that the natives there declare that war is imminent. Zulus, the Natal natives, the Swazis, Umbangis, Zambangs, people, and the tribes in the north of the Transvaal are in it.

It is a significant fact that two months ago numbers of Zulus belonging to Gobizembi's tribe, who were working in the Transvaal, gave notice that they wanted to return home to Natal to look after their families. The native affairs department refused to let them leave, but, in spite of this, they sneaked off as opportunity arose, saying as they left, "We go with our hearts black."

There is a growing feeling that the Government must now take resolute and decisive action, whatever the cost. The plan approved in well-informed quarters is that several powerful columns, exceeding in strength anything yet contemplated, should be recruited and concentrated at strategic points, in order to convince the natives that the Government intends crushing resistance to its authority.

STAMPS TO CELEBRATE OLYMPIC GAMES.

A set of thirteen Greek stamps, issued to commemorate the Olympic Games, has been received in London.

All the stamps bear the words, "Olympic Games, Athens, 1906," in Greek characters.

SELF-MURDER IN PRISON CELL.

Sentenced to two years' hard labour for disobedience and an attempted attack upon his superior officer, Leonard Hinchcliffe, a naval stoker, at Bodmin hanged himself in his cell with a piece of rope taken from a mailbag. Yesterday a jury returned a verdict of Felon-de-se.

CUNARD COMPANY'S PROSPERITY.

In declaring a four per cent. dividend, at the annual meeting of the Cunard Company yesterday, the chairman stated that the income last year was the largest in the company's history.

BACHELOR FAMINE.

Difficulty That Confronts London Hostesses This Season.

Alluding to the London season of 1906, the "Gentlewoman" says there is a difficulty in securing a sufficient number of dancing men. Bachelors are scarcer than ever, and married men do not dance as much as bachelors.

Prince Arthur of Connaught, "the only bachelor nephew of the King available at present," is said to set an excellent example, for, "like his sister Princess Patricia he thoroughly enjoys dancing for dancing's sake."

Prince Francis of Teck, too, "makes a fine figure in a ball-room," while among other most popular dancing bachelors in London society are the Portuguese Minister and Lord Herbert Vane-Tempest.

Lord Munster is said to be so popular that he is always a welcome guest, and Lord De Mauley is described as "such an energetic ball-goer that he is even known to go long distances on his bicycle rather than miss an important function of this kind."

Mr. Winston Churchill is said to have neither the time nor inclination for such frivolities in these days, but the new Lord Anglesey, Lord Gifford, Lord Gerard, and Lord Villiers are much sought after by hostesses giving dances.

Still, these bachelors, like the proverbial swallows, do not make a summer season. Unless more men go in for dancing it may soon happen that dancing will die out altogether.

AGED PEER'S ENGAGEMENT.

Announcement Made Last Night That Lord Mount Edgcumbe Is To Wed Lady Ravensworth.

Lord Valletort announced at the Stonehouse District Council last night that the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, his father, is to be married shortly to Lady Ravensworth.

The fourth Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.C., G.C.V.O., is seventy-four years of age, and has been Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall since 1877, of which county he is also Vice-Admiral and Provincial Grand Master of Freemasons. He was educated at Harrow and Oxford, and was member for Plymouth in the years 1859-61.

In 1858 he was Equerry, and afterwards Lord-in-Waiting, to the King, then Prince of Wales, and later was Lord Chamberlain and Lord Steward in her Majesty's household and Aide-de-Camp to Queen Victoria from 1857 to 1897.

The Countess of Ravensworth is the widow of the third Earl of Ravensworth, who died in 1904.

WHERE ANGELS TREAD.

"Light" Tells a Weird Story of a "Seeress" Who Visited London a Few Years Ago.

The boycotted vicar of Holton claims to have been consoled and sustained in his loneliness by the presence of angels.

Commenting on the vicar's statement "Light" recalls that a few years ago a London seeress, under direction, visited a large number of churches and chapels in London, with strange results. She saw angels everywhere, but by no means as she expected.

"This may or may not be true," adds "Light," "but we do not mind admitting that we see nothing unreasonable in it."

"We have much to learn about the angels. We are apt to think of them as selfish beings who are lost in heavenly joys, indifferent to earth and callous as to hell."

PRIMROSE DAY CELEBRATIONS.

Pretty Flowers Seen Everywhere — "Primrose" Wedding Features.

Primroses were almost the only flowers worn in the buttonhole in London yesterday.

Lord Beaconsfield's statue before the Houses of Parliament was very effectively decorated with the pretty spring flowers, and all day long there was a changing crowd round it.

A "primrose wedding" took place in Scarborough, Captain Stanton, son of General Sir Edward Stanton, being married to Miss Margaret Ursula, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Hill. The church was decorated with many thousands of primroses, and the bridesmaids wore tulips and little wreaths of primroses, and carried baskets filled with the same flowers.

IN MEMORY OF BYRON'S DEATH.

Greeks in London assembled yesterday outside Apsley House before the statue of Lord Byron, who died on April 19, 1824, and after listening to an address stood for a time bareheaded. The statue was lavishly decorated with lilies and roses.

ROMANCE OF RADIUM.

Professor Curie the Victim of a Street Accident.

SCIENTIST'S DISCOVERY.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Thursday.—Professor Curie, the eminent discover of radium, was accidentally killed this afternoon in the Rue Dauphin as the result of a carriage accident. M. Curie was crossing the wet street and slipped on the macadamised pavement. He was immediately run over and killed by a passing carriage.

It was not known who the victim was at the time. A stretcher was sent for and the body conveyed to the nearest police station. Several visiting cards and letters were found in his pockets.

Inquiries were immediately made for the address of M. Curie, and Mme. Curie, whose despair was terrible, recognised her husband's body. The news has caused a painful shock in scientific circles.

REVOLUTIONISED CHEMISTRY.

The discovery of radium, which for all time will make famous the names of Pierre and Marie Skłodowska Curie, was the result of one of the most remarkable romances ever connected with science.

Radium, which is now valued at £448,000 an ounce, and which is used entirely for scientific in-



THE LATE M. CURIE.

vestigation, completely revolutionised the periodic law of chemistry.

Before radium was introduced to a wondering world, Professor Curie was merely one of many small workers, and he occupied but a very little laboratory attached to a French university.

Professor Curie was elected the first occupant of the then newly-vacated Professorship of Physics of the University of Paris, and he is one of the few who have refused the Cross of the Legion of Honour.

He and his wife M. Béquerel shared the Nobel prize of £4,000 for their wonderful contributions to scientific research.

When the great scientist first met his wife she was an obscure student in a Parisian laboratory, and he himself was a struggling searcher after scientific truth. Their fight together, their perseverance, and their superb triumph form the constituents of one of the most inspiring and noble love stories in history.

At the time of his death Professor Curie was at work on a new mineral supposed to be of even greater value than radium.

GALE'S TOLL OF SHIPS AND LIVES.

Crews Spend Terrible Days in Small Boats After Abandoning Their Vessels.

With a return of blustering weather the tale of disasters at sea has been resumed.

A French fishing-smack went ashore at Boulogne yesterday and was lost with all hands.

The liner Baltic brought news to Queenstown yesterday of the terrible experiences of the six men forming the crew of the schooner W. E. and W. L. Tuck, which was abandoned.

All were injured by falling spars, etc., and one died of his injuries in the boat, in which they were tossed about until a trawler rescued them.

The crew of the abandoned Norwegian barque Norvegia, who had drifted about on the Atlantic in two small boats for four days, and were in extremities when rescued, were landed.

HEROIC SIGNALMAN MYSTERY.

Investigations by the Denbighshire police regarding the mystery surrounding the alleged attempt to wreck Great Western train near Llangollen a week ago show that footprints resembling those of Evans, the signalman who committed suicide, have been found near the store where sleepers were kept.

Sleepers formed the obstruction by which the train was threatened.

THE ROYAL LOVERS.

King Alfonso Much Distressed by the Sudden Cold Weather "Snap."

After King Alfonso's distressing experience of our climate on his first visit to England it is a pity that the glorious sunshine of Easter did not continue a little longer, says our Cowes correspondent. But for the last few days the weather, unfortunately, has been exceptionally cold, and King Alfonso seems to feel the change from his own warm climate very much.

Accordingly, he has been wearing a thick overcoat during his walks with Princess Ena and her mother, and as a rule a thick muffler in addition. At the moment at which the *Daily Mirror* photographe took the snapshot which appears on pages 8 and 9 the King was so cold that he started to run and stamp his feet in order to increase his circulation. Princess Ena and her mother have been wearing furs all the time.

Yesterday morning King Alfonso and Princess Ena each planted a tree near the Swiss chalet at Osborne, in honour of His Majesty's visit. The ceremony over, the party walked through the park, and after visiting the most interesting spots the King lunched with Princess Ena and her mother at Osborne Cottage. In the evening King Alfonso and the Princesses went in their motor-car to a charity concert at Osborne House, at which His Majesty's suite was present, together with the officers of the Giralta.

THE BOND OF NINON."

Miss Lena Ashwell Opens Her Season of Management at the Savoy.

An elegant scene, elaborate dresses, clinking spurs, well-written dialogue, much talk of great names in history—all these would be of value to Miss Clothilde Graves's new play if it had a more interesting plot and more exciting incidents. Without these latter no "trimmings" can do much good.

Ninon de l'Enclos, the favourite of Louis XIV., signs at the entreaty of a young admirer (Mr. Henry Ainley), a bond promising to love the bearer. The attempts of other admirers to get it form the basis of the play.

Miss Ashwell is not very well suited in a part which is mostly comedy. Of the other members of a long cast the only one who stands out with any distinction is Mr. H. V. Esmond, who plays the young King.

THEATRE FULL OF NURSES.

"Little Stranger" Entertains an Audience Entirely of Women from the London Hospitals.

Nurses to the number of 600, representing every hospital in London, filled the Criterion Theatre at a special invitation matinee yesterday afternoon, and rocked with laughter for two hours at the antics of the marvellous "Little Stranger."

There were pretty nurses and less pretty nurses, cheery nurses, timid nurses, and a few who might justly be styled prim; but each and all most thoroughly enjoyed themselves. There was another baby present besides Master Edward Garrett, the 37in., fifteen-year-old historic upon the boards. In one of the boxes was a private nurse "on duty," bearing in her arms the "little stranger" which arrived in the household of Mr. Frank Curzon, the manager of the theatre, last month.

It was in this little baby girl's honour that the matinee took place.

With his irresistible wink the youngster behind the footlights quickly captivated his audience. A cunning little "gag" of the child-actor—"You leave the nurses to me"—won all hearts.

Sein in his dressing-room by the *Daily Mirror*, Master Garrett said: "No, I'm not shy, I've done it too often. They were a very nice audience, and I'm glad they liked it so much."

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

The mammoth American floating dock "Dewey" has arrived at Port Said.

The Sultan of Morocco has appointed the Governor of Tetuan and two Ministers to represent him at the marriage of the King of Spain.

With a cottage adjoining the Cary Arms Hotel on Babacombe Beach, Torquay, a favourite resort of picnickers was burnt down yesterday.

A great moor fire is raging near Lyck, East Prussia, where the soil is oil-bearing, and columns of fire thirty feet high are shooting up.

Prince Arthur of Connaught yesterday lunched with the Speaker of the Senate at Ottawa, and afterwards inspected the High School cadets in Parliament-square.

TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is—Variable to south-westerly breezes; misty and cold early; sunny and warm day; unsettled and mild night.

Lightning-up time, 8.1 p.m.

Sea passages will be smooth in the south and east, moderate in the west.

ARE WE A RACE OF "MOLLYCODDLES"?

Some Scornful Denials of "South Australian's" Indictment.

"AMAZING IMPUDENCE."

The correspondence in the *Daily Mirror* under this head has aroused a great deal of interest. Yesterday most of the letters replied strongly in the affirmative to the question. But the following, selected from many letters received yesterday, show that all Englishmen are not disposed to submit tamely to the strong indictment of "South Australia."

THE UNGRATEFUL COLONIAL.

The letter you print from "South Australian" is an amazing piece of impudence. It really passes "the limit," as the Americans say.

A man who is able to escape from the arid, unpopulated wastes of South Australia and have the luck to register at a good London hotel and realise again what civilisation and society mean ought to thank his stars and every Londoner he meets in the streets for his deliverance. His stay here should be one long psan of joy and thankfulness to the country and the people who made him.

Instead, he criticises everything in a manner both absurd and annoying. I suppose the real reason is that he feels strange and "out of it," and so grumbles loudly, to cover his own deficiencies. I hope he sees this.

LONDON BORN.

CHAMPIONS UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

"South Australian's" letter contains many statements and many phrases which are not altogether correct.

Compared with Colonial life, English method must of necessity seem tame, just as the former would, in its turn, if compared to the lives led by savages.

The improvement shown in every branch of sport during the last twenty years does not support the writer's arguments. All the feats of strength and stamina accomplished in the old days have been beaten by present-day athletes, despite the fact that many of our champions lead an indoor life.

As it is impossible for 95 per cent. of our population to indulge in riding, walking, or other feats, it is useless to suppose that the few who have accomplished these would be very much ahead of their fellows if every man had an equal chance.

ENGLISHMAN.

"JOHNNIE" NOT REPRESENTATIVE.

As is common with a certain class of society, your correspondent "Pro Patria" imagines that because the so-called upper classes are degenerate and foppish, the rest of the nation must of necessity be the same.

The wasp-waisted, loud-waisted, would-be "dogs" that he cites as examples of his race have had their counterparts in this nation since it became a nation.

To take, for example of the life led by the 42,000,000 inhabitants of the British Isles, the artificial life forced upon the people compelled to live in a gigantic city like London is quite unjust.

Whatever the Londoner may be, owing to his environment, the great backbone of the nation, the provincials and the middle-classes, remain as they ever were, a hardy and clean-living people, and a people in every way to be proud of.

Salisbury. COUNTRY RECTOR.

FORGOTTEN THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR.

May I hope that you will insert the following few remarks as a defence of my country in answer to your "Frank Australian Critic"? I protest that the Englishman is not timid, luxurious, and idle, in every sphere of life. I have lived practically in the City for eight years, and travelled in the country from top to bottom for the past ten years.

Because a man wears an overcoat it does not necessarily imply that he is a mollycoddle, as everyone knows that in our treacherous climate it is most foolish to cast off one's overcoat before the beginning of May.

Our young Colonial friend, whoever he may be, seems to have forgotten the South African war, when thousands of young fellows were only too anxious to throw up berths to face hardships of the worst description and even death for the sake of the Empire.

Of course, there are lazy people all over the world—even in Australia, I should imagine. Although neither a clerk nor a business man, I know my country thoroughly, and make a study of my countrymen, and if our Australian cousin will do the same I think he will alter his opinion.

ROBERT ENTWISTLE.

TO THE POINT.

When a man writes that "no Briton of the present day when in a tight corner will set his teeth and go through with it" it shows that he is either joking or demented. I think "South Australian" must have smiled when he wrote that passage, and so I sign myself,

DOCTORS PRAISE TOAST.

More Easily Digested, as Well as More Palatable Than Modern Bread.

As toasted bread is becoming increasingly popular, the fact that medical opinion is favourable to its use is of considerable interest.

Toast, says the "Lancet" this week, places a lighter tax on the digestive functions than ordinary bread, since during its preparation some of the starch grains of the flour are ruptured, while some are converted into dextrin, which is easily soluble.

Further, the crispness of toast necessitates its being completely moistened in the mouth before it can be swallowed. As a rule, therefore, toast is thoroughly submitted to the action of the preliminary digestive process in the mouth.

It is important, however, that toast should be crisp all through, as otherwise the internal portions tend to become plastic and soft like new bread, and, like it, difficult of digestion if not thoroughly masticated.

Probably modern methods of milling flour have much to do with the lack of flavour marking the present-day loaf of bread, which leads to the demand for the palatable toast.

One thing is certain, that roller milling, as distinct from the old method of grinding wheat between stones, leads to the elimination of the germ of the wheat, and the peculiar nutty flavour of the old-fashioned loaf was due, perhaps, to the retention of this germ.

MOTORIST'S COURTESY REWARDED.

Summons Dismissed Because Driver, Charged with Excessive Speed, Otherwise Helped the Police.

The Kingston police showed their gratitude for a friendly act in a very practical way before the local Bench yesterday.

It was proved that Robert Kirke, jun., of Woodthorpe, Walton-on-Thames, had been travelling at 312 miles an hour, and was pulled up by the police.

Superintendent Marks, however, explained that at the time Mr. Kirke was stopped they received news of a serious motor-cycle accident in the vicinity that resulted in the death of a Walton lady. Mr. Kirke at once placed his motor-car at the disposal of the police, who travelled thereby to the scene of the tragedy. Indeed, said the superintendent, Mr. Kirke had been of great assistance to them.

The Bench, taking this act of courtesy into consideration, dismissed the summons on payment of 8s. 6d. costs.

FROM COMEDY TO TRAGEDY.

Artist, Who Lived for Laughter, Ends His Life Because of Ill-Health.

An addition has been made to the real tragedies of stage life by the death of Mr. Frank Coyne, one of the best known of London comedians, who committed suicide by cutting his throat at his residence in Wiltsbridge, Brixton.

His grief-stricken wife told the sad story to a jury at Lutonborough Junction yesterday. Coyne, whose real name was Harris, and who started life at Derby as a jeweller's traveller, was very successful as an amateur comedian. He was secured for London, and achieved almost instant professional success.

His wife said there were no monetary difficulties. She and her husband had lately returned from a successful tour in South Africa, but he had recently suffered a severe fit of nervous debility.

Mr. Coyne's agent said the comedian had been "hooked" right up to 1908. The medical evidence showed that Coyne was a victim of kidney disease, likely to produce depression, but the jury returned a verdict of Suicide, without expressing any opinion as to the state of deceased's mind.

AFTERNOON BUMPING."

A housebreaker who was sentenced to seven years' penal servitude at the Newington Sessions yesterday was described as "an afternoon bumper."

In answer to Mr. Loveland Loveland, K.C., a detective sergeant said that an afternoon bumper was a man who called at houses in the day, and, finding no one at home, bumped against the door and effected an entrance without implements.

MYSTERY OF WINDSOR HOME PARK.

No further information has come to light concerning the girl whose clothes, of good quality, have been discovered on a seat in Windsor Home Park. The river has been dragged, but no body has been discovered.

MOTOR-CARS BAD FOR HAY TRADE.

One of the chief reasons for failure advanced by Mr. H. Beeman Hughes, hay merchant, of the Borough, in the London Bankruptcy Court yesterday, was that he had lost several large contracts owing to the increase of motor-cars and motor-omnibuses.

"DISTRICT" PERILS.

Engineer Says It Is a "Get Rich Quick" Railway.

MENACE OF FIRE.

The troubles of the District Railway are increasing. It is now stated that the whole of the permanent way must be relaid, in consequence of the great wear on the metals by the wheels of the new trains.

Many experts anticipated this month ago, when the electric-cars commenced running,

According to one prominent engineer, not only will new sleepers and rails have to be laid down, but within twelve months it is likely that the whole rolling-stock will have to be overhauled, or even replaced.

"In the District Railway," he said to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday, "you have an excellent example of American business methods. It is nothing but a get-rich-quick concern. I admit that all the latest devices and inventions in electrical railway construction have been employed, and, in this sense, the 'District' is ahead of any line in the kingdom."

Axle Steel Too Hard.

"But the materials used are of the flimsiest. In order to save money in power for haulage, for instance, the cars were built in the very lightest possible way. The result is a minimum of comfort for travellers by reason of the extreme jolting and racking by the brakes. In addition, there are already signs of wear and tear, and before twelve months are out I do not think it will be possible to use a single car with safety."

"Another very serious defect lies in the wheels and axles. The steel is too hard, and, as a consequence, you have a continual snapping of axles and a perpetual wear upon the metals. I believe that unless the wheels are changed completely within two or three months travelling on the line will become a positive danger."

Where the Metals Are Worn.

"There are many places on the line at present," he continued, "where, I am told, the metals are already very badly worn. Some of the points, too, as the officials know, require attention, notably by Gloucester-road and West Kensington stations."

"Many other disparaging things might be said of this too hurriedly constructed railway, including the fact that there is too much wood about the cars, fireproof though they are supposed to be. The greatest of all dangers on an electric railway is that of fire, and I do not consider that the precautions at present taken are adequate."

"But I have said enough, and I do not wish in any way to reflect on the English directorate of the line. These gentlemen were guided entirely by the advice of the American controllers, who were solely responsible for the actual equipment and style of cars used."

GENTLE CRAFTSWOMEN.

Exhibition of Lovely Creations in Many Shapes and Forms at Grafton Galleries.

Scores of ladies and a few gentlemen exhibiting their skill in handicrafts was sufficient inducement to draw hundreds of visitors to the Grafton Galleries yesterday, when the Handicrafts Exhibition, under the patronage of Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, was opened.

One of the most fascinating sections is Mr. Fred Partridge's horn work. Out of what appears to be a most unpromising material Mr. Partridge and his assistants make marvellously beautiful objects.

Crowds watch the glass-blower, expanding fairy bubbles in glass, and, with practised touch, shaping graceful vases and ornaments. The Japanese artist Baigai Yamamoto Tsuneto rapidly painting scenes of idyllic beauty on postcards and lamp-shades is another centre of attraction.

Poker work, leather work, bookbinding, miniature painting, tapestry weaving, and the manufacture of many beautiful dresses by members of families whose names occur in Burke's Peerage provide a novel and deeply interesting scene.

Mrs. Charles Muller, surrounded by the lovely enamelled jewellery, tells the *Daily Mirror* that thousands of pounds' worth of artistic work being made in this country fails to find a proper market owing to the ignorance of business shown by the artists."

SPENT £75,000 ON PIGEON-SHOOTING.

Mr. Theodore Watkins, solicitor, of Tiverton, examined in bankruptcy at Exeter yesterday, said he had a pigeon-shooting place at Cricklewood, and in fifteen years spent over £65,000 in prizes and £10,000 in pigeons.

He was entitled to some property at Kingstown, Ireland, but in legal proceedings with his mother he had spent over £21,000. The Kingstown tenants had paid no rent for eight years.

FROM A LIVING TOMB.

JABEZ BALFOUR'S

Extraordinary book, composed and memorised during 4,000 days and nights in prison.

SEE

"WEEKLY DISPATCH."

Sunday, April 29th.

DANGERS OF DRUGGET.

Slippery Restaurant Steps Which Caused a Serious Disaster.

The danger of laying white drugget over stair-carpets has just been illustrated by a serious accident.

Lieutenant-Colonel A. C. Yates, of the Indian Staff Corps, the well-known soldier and writer, was entering Hatchet's Restaurant, Piccadilly, and had descended three or four of the steps when his foot slipped on the smooth surface of the white drugget and he fell violently to the foot of the steps, sustaining a serious dislocation of the shoulder.

His watch and cigar-case were smashed, and, besides suffering great pain, he will not recover the use of his arm for two or three months.

Drugged very generally used for protecting cattle, and its dangerous slipperyiness seems to have been overlooked in view of its cheapness.

How slippery it really is is shown by the fact that it is often used to make a dancing surface.

In many shops, public buildings, flats, and private houses the *Daily Mirror* yesterday saw white drugget in use. On staircases, unless the steps are very wide, it certainly does not afford an adequate foothold.

UNCOMMERCIAL TEA-CUSTOMER

Complains That Her Patronage of a Company Did Not Bring Her Hoped-For £5.

An applicant at Thames Police Court yesterday sought the advice of Mr. Dickinson concerning a certificate issued to her by the Public Tea Company of London, 9, Mincing-lane. Two years ago applicant was canvassed by two of the company's representatives to deal with them, and the certificate, which bore the name of "James Cooper, manager," stated she would be "entitled to receive £5 when 80,000 cases of tea, each containing 200lb., were sold in the district. When sold the holder will receive a cheque on the London and County Bank, and it will be cashed in gold on producing the certificate."

The representatives assured her everything was straightforward, and she would receive her £5 on March 13 last.

Applicant had not, however, received the money, and during the last eight weeks they had not supplied her with any tea.

Mr. Dickinson told the woman that she ought not to have believed such a story, and he was unable to assist her.

SCOTLAND'S GROWING POPULATION.

The population of Scotland at the middle of 1905, according to a return published yesterday, was estimated to be 4,676,603, of whom 2,280,085 were males and 2,396,518 females, being an increase of 48,947 over 1904.

The excess of births over deaths during the year was 56,855.

AGED GOVERNESS'S NINE CATS.

It was stated at yesterday's inquest at the Southwark Coroner's Court that Miss Mary Ann Beaumont, an aged governess, of Newington-causeway, died of self-neglect.

Her hobby was cats, of which she kept nine. They became such a nuisance that the sanitary inspector, just before her death, ordered the destruction of four of them.

L.C.C. REDUCES LAMP ACCIDENTS.

Dealing with a fatality at Kensington, the Paddington coroner yesterday remarked that, thanks to the efforts of the L.C.C., accidents arising from such causes had diminished from 304 in 1889 to 190 last year, and of the latter only thirteen had proved fatal.

WITH THE PRINCE IN INDIA.

Fascinating Book on Life in "the
Gorgeous East."

POMP BESIDE SQUALOR.

The ploughman settled the share
"More deep than the grudging eod—
The corn and the cattle are all my care,
And the rest is the will of God."—
RUDYARD KIPLING.

"Through India with the Prince" (Edward Arnold), is perhaps something of a disappointment, but the disappointment is of a pleasant kind, and is mainly the result of its not too felicitous title. The book is not what that title will induce many people to fancy—it is a rechauffé of newspaper articles descriptive of endless state ceremonies, which, however, gorgeous individually, must at last become dull and monotonous by force of their unscalable likeness one to another.

All that its author, Mr. J. F. Abbott, saw of that sort of pageant, or, at least, all that he records, occupies only a few pages of his brilliant and fascinating book. The Prince, the Princess, and their suite are very little discussed or described. It was India that Mr. Abbott went out to see; it is India, with its incomparable fascination, its immemorial civilisation; its bewildering jumble of races, religions, languages, manners, superstitions; its staggering contrast of lofty culture and dense ignorance; of pomp and squalor, of wealth and poverty, which he has set himself to describe. And it is principally upon the dark side, the shadows of the brilliant panorama, that he has chosen to dwell.

BURNT at the Stake in 1904.

Most of us who know India only by the medium of the printed page have placidly believed that the terrible ritual known as "Suttee," the burning of the living widow with the dead body of her husband, having been formally forbidden by the Government, had long ago altogether ceased out of the land. But it is not so. The grim scene here related occurred not later than October, 1904.

A certain Brahmin died, and his body was taken to the bank of the neighbouring stream in order to be cremated. Then the widow, having bathed in the river, and adorned herself as for her marriage, took her seat on the pyre, and called on her son to do his duty as a devout Hindu. The son lighted some wheat-stalks, and having walked round the pyre three times, applied, according to custom, the fire to the mouth of the deceased. This failed to ignite the pyre, and he, with four other Brahmins, proceeded to perform the humud, a rite consisting of the burning of incense and the placing of lighted chips of wood, dipped in ghee, under the pyre until it is ignited.

"By this time a vast crowd had assembled.

"The widow turned towards the setting sun, and when the flames reached her, she closed and writhed about. Finally, she stood up and turned towards the setting sun; but immediately overcome by the smoke and heat, she fell back into the flames, and was burnt to ashes with the corpse of her husband."

The Single-Minded Beggar.

Mr. Abbott has a happy knack of putting much matter into few words. He does not strive after epigram, his "good things" are spontaneous and unforced. As for example:

"Eastern rule still means what all rule meant in the good old days of divine right and serfdom—namely, the greatest happiness of the smallest number."

"The Afghans believe themselves to be the Lost Tribe of Israel. People in this part of the world will believe anything provided it is sufficiently improbable."

"Though there are many rascals in Peshawar I can see no beggars. These noble Pathans do not waste their time on begging. They take what they want."

Elsewhere—in Lahore, for instance—the beggar is ubiquitous and paramount.

"Before setting forth on his nocturnal tour of depredation, each sturdy vagabond makes up his mind how much money he means to earn, and he registers a solemn vow that, by Allah and his prophet, he will not taste sleep, or let anyone else do so, until the appointed sum is collected. Thus fortified with a good resolution, he saffies forth, and, as the night progresses, he tests the true believer's charity and endurance by crying out at the top of his voice the balance still due. The later it grows the stronger his chances of success, for who, true believer or other, would not pay any sum to stop the infernal howl?"

Bright, personal, photographic in style, "Through India with the Prince" is a book to be read.

CORONER ON RECKLESS ROAD-HOGS.

"It is perfectly scandalous that motorists should go through the country roads at such speeds. Something ought to be done to stop their recklessness."—Coroner at an inquest at Hounslow yesterday.

LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

The Canadian House of Commons has adopted an Address to the King inviting their Majesties to visit the Dominion.

Lady Warwick, with several Labour members of Parliament, will address a meeting at Fulham Town Hall next Friday evening.

According to an official statement issued yesterday, parliamentary grants made last year to Aberdeen University amounted to £14,000.

Caused by the fusing of electric wires, an alarming outbreak of fire at the Junior United Service Club, yesterday, was quelled without difficulty.

Mr. Howell Idris, M.P. for Flint Boroughs, who met with an accident while motoring from St. Asaph to Dolgelly, was yesterday stated to be progressing favourably.

After playing in the Association Cup final at the Crystal Palace to-morrow, the Everton team will visit the Alhambra to witness the cinematographic reproduction of the game.

Two hundred more recruits from Cardiff and Barry left Hull last night for Hamburg to take the places on German ships of sailors on strike.

By forcing a faintlyburglar entered a public house in Essex-street, Strand, yesterday, and stole the contents of some hospital-boxes.

The executive of the North Wales Quarrymen's Union have decided not to run a Labour candidate for the vacancy in the Elfin Division of Carnarvonshire.

It was reported yesterday that the receipts on the Baker-street and Waterloo Railway, for the week ended April 14, amounted to £1,221, compared with £1,429 in the previous week—a decrease of £208.

The Italian Ministry of Marine has given instructions for the formation of a squadron, under the command of Rear-Admiral Moreno, to return the visit paid by the British and French warships to Naples after the eruption of Vesuvius.

KILLED IN THE ZULULAND RISING.



On the left Lance-Sergeant J. C. O. Harrison, and on the right Sergeant E. T. N. Brown, of the Natal Police, who were killed at Impanza when fighting with Colonel Mansel's column against Bambata. They were buried with full military honours at Botha's Farm.

Three hundred and seventy political suspects have been exiled to Siberia from St. Petersburg.

Out of 1,176 bathers at the Old Trafford Baths, Manchester, during four weeks, only seventy-seven were women.

While in the kitchen of a boarding-house at Camden-grove, Kensington, yesterday, a Robert was stabbed by his mistress and seriously hurt.

Part of an ancient church, burnt down about A.D. 1100, is supposed to have been discovered during some excavations in Bickland Churchyard, Dover.

When the church of St. George, Botolph-stane, E.C., is sold the proceeds are to be devoted to the erection and endowment of the church of Holy Trinity, Southwark.

At Morriston, near Swansea, a minister has vigorously denounced singing festivals and chapel teas, declaring such celebrations to be "the curse of places of worship."

The Council of the Yukon Territory have entered into a contract with an American "rainmaker," who is to receive \$2,000 if he can save the Yukon from a recurrence of last year's disastrous drought.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who is suffering from a slight cold, did not leave his hotel at Dover yesterday.

Mr. Twells, the American commercial agent at Carlsbad, advises those who are arranging to go there to remember that it is a very expensive place.

Two large blocks of buildings in the Temple, in Essex-court and Plowden-buildings, have been shored up in consequence of the sinking of the foundations.

Two hundred seats for the forthcoming Hackenschmidt-Madrali wrestling match have been purchased by one man as a speculation, in view of the expected great demand later.

Mr. James Welch has arranged with Mr. Bannister Howard to appear with his own company from Terry's Theatre in a special matinée of "The New Clown" at the Crystal Palace Theatre next Thursday.

In reply to a suggestion from the Bishop of London, the Highgate Hill Infirmary committee have decided to recommend the guardians to say that it is not necessary to provide a chaplain for the infirmary alone.

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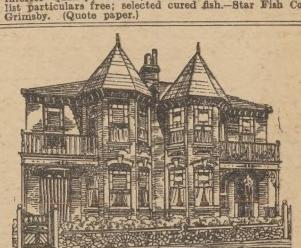
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THE EARTH COOLING DOWN.

HERE is something quite different between an earthquake in Formosa, a tidal wave in Colombia, or even an eruption of Vesuvius and such a disaster as has fallen upon San Francisco.

That catastrophe, which by this morning's accounts is shown to be even worse than was anticipated, comes home to us with alarming force. Formosans or Colombians—to the majority of Britons these names convey very little. The fact that they are swept off the earth like flies scarcely gives us a second's uneasiness.

But San Francisco, an English-speaking city, just the kind of city and the kind of people we know quite well—for that to be devastated by earthquake gives us a rude shock. It makes us wonder whether it may not next be England's turn.

It is an old newspaper maxim that one man killed in Piccadilly is worth more space in a London paper than 10,000 Chinese annihilated. The same instinct makes you far more interested in a railway accident in which your next-door neighbour has been injured than one which kills off dozens of people whom you do not know.

This is because our imagination is only aroused to activity by events in which we can conceive ourselves taking part. What kind of event stirs women most? A wedding. Why? Because they can all imagine themselves in the bride's place.

Now while few of us can imagine ourselves Formosan natives or Colombian half-breeds we can all put ourselves mentally in the place of the unfortunate San Franciscans. The details of the disaster strike familiar chords.

We can see the hotels and newspaper offices collapsing, and the terrified occupants rushing out with English cries. We can hear the roar of the flames as they fix their fierce teeth in block after block of buildings, lettered all over with English signs. We feel almost as if we had been through it ourselves.

This latest evidence of disturbances beneath the earth's crust is certain, therefore, to set us all talking with genuine interest about the cause of the several catastrophes which have occurred of late.

One theory is that the interior of the great globe on which we live has been cooling more rapidly than usual. Once, in all probability, the earth was as bright a light in the heavens as the sun. Gradually its fire has been retreating further and further inside.

Some day this same fate will overtake the sun. Then the earth will become uninhabitable on account of the cold. The hundreds of millions of inhabitants who have sprung up on its surface will be frozen out. The human race, as we know it, will be extinct.

That prospect need not worry us. The earth may last for many thousands of years yet. Such disasters as this at San Francisco, however, do serve to remind us of the unimportance and feebleness of Man in the scheme of the Universe.

Man is only an incident in the history of the solar system. It was in operation long before he existed, and will still be slowly working out its destiny when he has ceased to be. Even now the developments of that destiny, such as changes beneath the earth's crust or in the sun, have the effect of killing off thousands of mankind as if they were insects crushed by a giant, stirring in his sleep.

A comforting thought, this, when one is troubled by a sense of being unappreciated, or by the heaviness of last quarter's gas account.

E. B.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Love lessens the woman's refinement and strengthens the man's.—Jean Paul.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

EVEN the imperturbable good humour and Bohemian carelessness of Signor Caruso must have been a little altered by his experience of an earthquake at San Francisco. Usually he puts up with the various difficulties that meet him on his travelling career as though they were as necessary part of it as the trains, the tickets, and the hotels. He is an unromantic tenor—though such a person, you may say, is impossible—and his only troubles seem to be of this material, not sentimental sort.

Of course a romance has grown up about Caruso, but he tries to crush it, just as the earthquake has tried to crush him. It used to be said, for instance, that he was singing one day at his work, in the hotel where they employed him as a mechanic in Naples, when a Neapolitan Prince—they seem to be as common as fairy godmothers were once—heard him going upstairs warbling thus in the hotel corridors, which must have been very much against the rules. So the Prince darted out of his room and followed the singer upstairs, and took him by the

hand, pulled many of the strings which controlled the movements of high ecclesiastical marionettes. That is the Jesuit genius, and the policy of the Order.

These followers of St. Ignatius are the same as regards the subtlety of their operations and their intellects as they were in the days when Pascal—in whom they found, for once, their dialectical master—wrote his Provincial letters. They are content to renounce the prospect of obvious advancement for the sake of a greater, underlying power. Above all, they give up their individual wills so utterly that they ought to be ready to slay the Pope himself were their general to command them. That, at least, is the theory of their untried obedience.

A secretly working person, too, with an influence more real than apparent, was Herr von Holstein, the Permanent Under-Secretary of the German Foreign Office, whose retirement has just been announced. Like other permanent officials in Government offices, he had a really greater power than most of those who took the responsibility

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

NO STANDING IN THEATRES.

Everyone will be in accord with the London County Council in their desire to ensure that managements of places of entertainments shall take every possible precaution to guard against loss of life or serious injury to playgoers in the event of panic from fire or other alarming incident.

But it does seem unreasonable that there should be no finality to the Council's demands in this regard, and the proprietors should be called upon to spend large sums in satisfying the Council, only to find, a few months, or even weeks, later, that the outlay is wasted owing to the introduction of new rules and regulations.

The question of "standing room" has been exercising the Theatres and Music-halls Committee of the L.C.C. lately, and it is now understood that if the committee's report on this subject be adopted in many instances proprietors will have to choose between raising their prices or lowering the excellence of their programmes. In either case, it is the general public who would be the chief sufferers.

It seems absurd to suggest that spectators who are standing jeopardise the safety of those occupying seats, for, surely, the former, in case of panic, would be the first to find the exits and so act as guides to all playgoers, and especially to those who, like myself, want a good show for a moderate price.

Bedford-road, S.W.

G. F. C.

MOTOR-OMNIBUSES.

Without doubt motor-omnibuses are abominable nuisances to those whose dwellings are situated along the line of route of such traffic.

During seventeen hours a day motor-omnibuses pass my house, and every one of those vehicles shake the place from roof to basement. Sometimes the vibrations are terrible.

In addition there are some motor-omnibuses that make dreadful noises. Four vehicles of this description have passed the house in one minute whilst I am writing this; and now the time is 11.25 p.m. I am a day-worker, and require rest like other mortals, but it is impossible to obtain sleep before midnight as a rule, in consequence of the noise and vibration set up by heavy motor-omnibuses.

A LONDONER.

Ravenscourt.

OUR DOMESTIC SERVANTS.

I think a much better plan than that suggested by your correspondent would be to suggest a "home for the training of servants." This, if well managed, would in time be self-supporting, and there are thousands of mistresses who would assist it in every way possible to bring about a better state of things. It is the utter inefficiency of our servants that is the cause of all the trouble.

I am surprised at anyone suggesting such a thing as a "Servants' Union."

Your correspondent would have done much more good if he had suggested a "Mistresses' Union," for the protection of weary housekeepers!

Westcliff-on-Sea.

A LOVER OF JUSTICE.

A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Professor John Milne.

SEISMOLOGY, the science of earthquakes, is becoming, for good reasons, a very fashionable pursuit. Professor Milne is, at this moment when Vesuvius is rampant, and San Francisco in ruins, deluged with questions and demands for an explanation of the catastrophes. He is like a consulting physician for diseases of the earth's crust, and is looked to for a clear account of the symptoms and causes of these eruptions that are so much more perilous than measles.

He was educated as a mining engineer, and worked as one for Cyrus Field, in Newfoundland and Labrador. Then, after serving as geologist to Dr. Beck's expedition in Arabia, he entered the employment of the Japanese Government, and established his seismic survey of Japan, that earthquake-peppered country. This embraced no fewer than 968 stations. A similar survey of the whole world is now in progress.

Professor Milne married a Japanese lady when he was out in Japan, and she is now admired by all who know her in the Isle of Wight, where her husband lives. She adds picturesqueness to the scientist's work, has surrounded him with beautiful Eastern relics, and burns incense before the chief of them—an impassible, majestic Buddha, whenever she wants some dream of hers to "come true."

IN MY GARDEN.

APRIIL 10.—At no time of the year are bulbs so interesting as in spring. The deep blue of the scillas has faded, but growing in masses between daffodils in sunny and shady places, blue grape hyacinths form lovely masses of colour—especially where the pure white variety is freely planted with them. The species "heavenly blue" is very valuable.

The stately crown imperial flowers are out. Four feet high and the brilliant green foliage surrounded by their strange yellow and red drooping flowers, they are most decorative.

On the rockery the exquisite "angel's tears" daffodils form a picture of much grace. They rise from a green carpet of pearlwort—the pretty alpine that has been tried as a substitute for lawn grass.

E. F.A.T.

HOW TO AVOID THE NUISANCE OF THE DUST.



Everyone is complaining of the dust, which gets into one's eyes and throat and nose, and almost chokes and blinds and suffocates. Here are some suggestions for appliances to ward it off.

hand to lead him down, after which he paid for his musical education, and did other princely things, until Caruso's name was made.

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But the facts, according to Caruso himself, are, as I said, rather less impressive. The singer was, as a matter of dull fact, threatened with expulsion from his home in Naples if he gave his fatal and nonsensical about singing. The fact is, indeed, showed a greater scepticism about the talents of his son than what is usual with most fathers. Sons are rarely permitted to live their own lives. They are expected to live the lives their fathers would have led had they had the time, the money, and the opportunities. I am told that even now the elder Caruso does not believe that his son has any voice worth praising, and is not even convinced of the fact by the money he receives from him. "They are paying Enrico to sing!" he says, and smiles cynically at the folly of the rich.

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Very typical of the Jesuit in his method of working quietly was Father Martin, General of the Order, who has just died of cancer in Rome. Nobody knew much about his personality, nor was he often seen in the world. He was scarcely a celebrity, in fact. The picture-postcard firms in Italy contented themselves with their portraits—the magnificently-robed Cardinals and the Pope himself. Father Martin they generally neglected. Yet

and the publicity of his suggestions. He was, of course, a friend and a disciple of Bismarck, and had the Bismarckian view of what a position Germany must be made to hold in the world.

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Most people wondered that, when Bismarck withdrew, Herr von Holstein did not go into retirement with him. It is more remarkable, perhaps, that the Kaiser was willing for so long to retain his services without quarrelling. Even now, it is said, I see, that he is being made "the scapegoat of the Morocco affair"—whatever that may mean. But a more obvious, if less dramatic, cause for his withdrawal may be found in the fact that he has long been suffering from failing sight, and for this not even the wonderful Wiesbaden eye-doctors have been able to do anything. German print and handwriting are generally too much even for German oculists.

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Mr. Arthur Appin will probably be remembered as the writer of a successful serial story in the *Daily Mirror*. Now he has written a play, a farce called "The Knight of the Bath," which will be acted on May 1, at Terry's Theatre, for the benefit of Our Dumb Friends' League. Mr. Appin is an actor himself, as well as a story writer. He is ingeniously like Mr. George Alexander, much more like, many people think, than the John Chichester double.

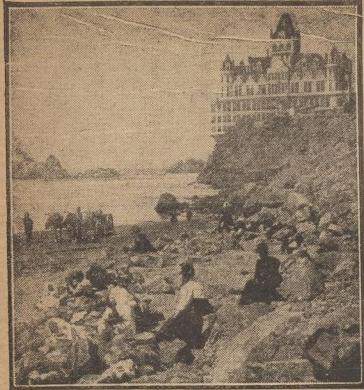
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The Cliff House Hotel, showing the Seal Rocks. This hotel overlooks the Golden Gate. So far it is one of the few buildings of importance which has escaped unhurt.—(Underwood and Underwood.)

SAN FRANCISCO

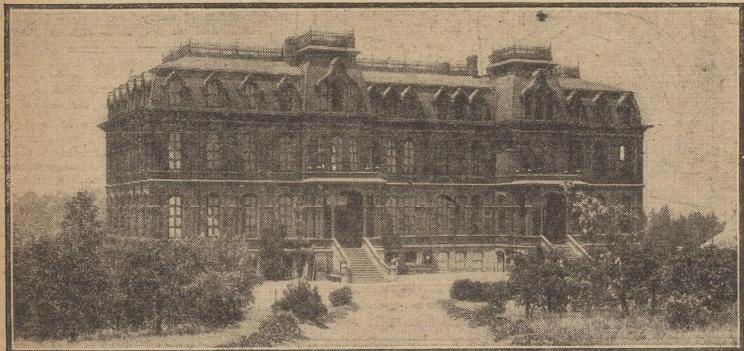
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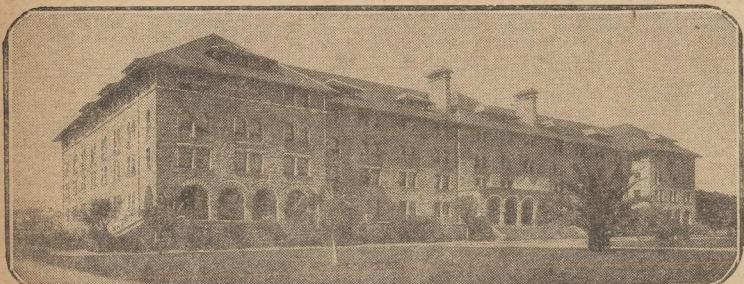
A panoramic view of San Francisco, the seventh largest city in the world.



The famous China Town district of San Francisco, with its Chinese theatres and joss houses, is absolutely in ruins. The houses here were of the flimsiest nature, and burnt like tinder.



The violence of the earthquake was not confined to San Francisco; the North Hall University of California, in Berkeley, was destroyed.



At Palo Alto, thirty miles south-east of San Francisco, the Leland Stanford Junior University, which was built some fifteen years ago, is now nothing more than a mass of ruins. This edifice was one of the finest of its kind in the world.



The magnificent City Hall of San Francisco, which was built at the cost of £1,200,000, and took twenty-five years to complete, came down like a pack of cards.

KING ALFONSO AND PRINCESS ENA



Soon after breakfast yesterday the King of Spain, Princess Ena, and Princess Beatrice walked through the country lanes from Osborne Cottage to Whipping-

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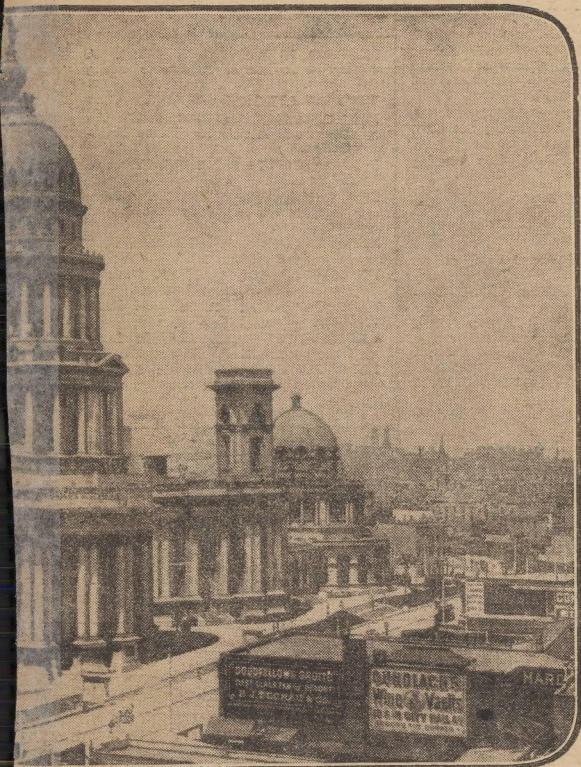


in America, practically ruined by earthquake and fire.

WRECKED BY EARTHQUAKE



Market-street, the busiest street of San Francisco, has been utterly devastated by the fire. The lofty building is Spreckels Building, which has also collapsed.—(Underwood and Underwood.)

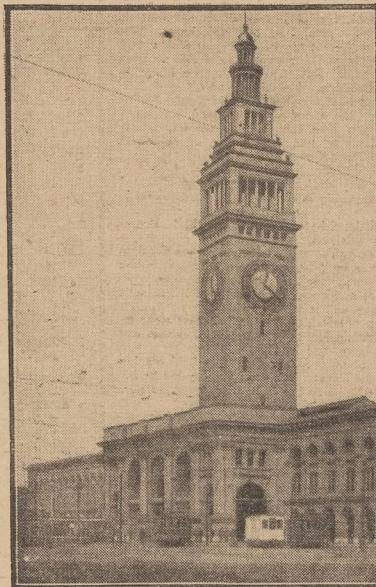


ards. Its dome was said to be the largest in the world, excepting St. Peter's cathedral at Rome.

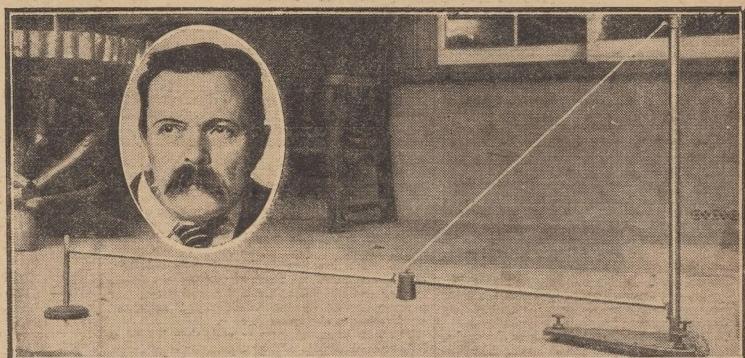
VISIT WHIPPINGHAM CHURCH.



In Church, where the young King laid a wreath on the tomb of Prince Henry Battenberg.



Ferry Building so far appears to have escaped damage. It is in the lower part of the city of San Francisco, near the water's edge. This part of the city did not suffer so heavily, either from the earthquake or the fire.



Professor Milne's earthquake recording machine at Newport, Isle of Wight. The inset is Professor Milne, who propounds the theory that the earth is not swinging true on its axis, hence the earthquake.



On the left is the Mint; which was in great danger, all the surrounding buildings being destroyed, and on the right is the Merchants' Exchange, which is now in ruins.



By Right of Love.

By ALICE and CLAUDE ASKEW.

CHAPTER LV.

"Won't you speak to the Duke and save an innocent man? Just a hint might even be enough. Is your cousin worthy of the sacrifice of Paul Chester's reputation? Oh, Mr. Temple, you know she isn't, and yet you sit still and hold your peace. You are acting a cowardly part."

Flora spoke in strained and agitated tones. She had been right in her conjecture that Rupert would meet her in answer to her wire, and now they were sitting together on two green park seats in Kensington Gardens.

It was a rendezvous where it was unlikely they would come across any friends and acquaintances, though they were stared at by a few curious nursemaids, who wondered who the little hunchback might be—the girl with such a lovely face and wearing such beautiful clothes, for Flora had a frock which her sister Agnes had given her—a frock created by Paquin.

"My dear Lady Flora," Rupert began, then paused, quite at a loss what to say or do, for how could he grant his companion's request? He had guessed what Flora would ask him to do when he received her wire, and had half decided to take no notice of it, but then a singular desire to see the girl and hear what she had to say had come upon him. After all, he reflected, it was plucky of her to write to him—a man who was pretty well a total stranger, and he wanted to meet her again.

He remembered how Flora's exquisite little face had attracted him the first day he had seen her at Amphlett Court, and what a hold she had taken on his imagination; also he had marvelled over her extraordinary composure the day when they had been forced to listen to Henrietta's appeal to Chester, and had afterwards faced each other silently in the little boudoir at Sloane-street. What extraordinary composure she had displayed, what splendid tact; and he admired her more even for the courage of her appeal, her audacious suggestion that he should tell the true story of the Chester episode to the Duke of Berkshire—expose Henrietta.

He could imagine in what a spirit of blind rage the Duke would listen to the story, and how he would turn upon Rupert and then perhaps upon his guilty Duchess—that is, if he believed his (Rupert's) words.

Oh, it was impossible, the thing couldn't be done! Yet it was like Flora to have thought of it,

"I've made up my mind to see the Duke," she said slowly, "and when I once make up my mind no power on earth can turn me."

"Yes, I intend to hail a hansom directly I leave the gardens," she continued, "and to drive straight down to Berkshire House, and if I find the Duke in, well and good; I shall ask to see him at once."

"He's out—he's sure to be out," interrupted Rupert hastily. He longed to put his hand on Flora's shoulder and detain her, as he would have detained an obstinate child—a child bent on its own hurt.

"If the Duke is out"—she repeated his words slowly—"well, I shall just sit down and wait till he comes in, even if I have to wait hours. For, don't you see?"—she turned on Rupert with a flash of temper—"something has got to be done. I am not going to let Paul Chester sacrifice himself—ruin his whole life. I won't—I can't."

There was a look in her face which told Rupert everything. He stared at her amazed, started.

"Why, you love him," he muttered, hardly realising that he was saying the words aloud. "You love Paul Chester."

Flora inclined her head slowly.

"I love him so well," she answered, "that I would do anything in the world for his sake—anything."

"Poor little girl—my poor little girl!" Rupert spoke very softly, very gently.

He and Lady Flora had left Kensington Gardens behind them by now, and were standing in the Bayswater-road, the girl watching the leisurely approach of a cab which she had just hailed with a light wave of her sunshade.

"What a cruel thing love is," Rupert went on dreamily, reflectively; "a force which dashes one to pieces, leaves one helpless."

"Yes," she sighed heavily; then held out her hand, for the hansom had drawn up by the kerb.

"Good-bye," she said quietly, almost over-quietly.

"You're not going—really going?"

She nodded for answer and got into the hansom. She looked small and very elfish as she sank back against the cushions of the seat, but her eyes were full of indomitable resolution.

"Please give the driver the address to Berkshire House," she called out to Rupert, but he noticed that her face twitched a little, also how pale she was.

"Here, you can't face the Duke by yourself," he exclaimed. "I will come with you," he added,

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and he hated to have to tell the poor little crippled creature that he must refuse to have anything to do with the affair, that he couldn't give his cousin away.

He said so at last, expressing himself quite plainly, his manner firm and obdurate, and all Flora's pleading could not move him, nor her wild and passionate appeals.

"It's no good, Lady Flora," he said decidedly, and there was intense decision in his voice. "I confess my cousin has behaved abominably and has told a vile lie about your brother-in-law, but I'm not going to bring her ruin about, badly though she has treated me, cruelly as I have suffered at her hands."

"You refuse to help me—you won't save Mr. Chester from undeserved ignominy? You are going to let a man's whole career be ruined, absolutely wrecked for the sake of a wicked woman?"

Flora rose from the low park chair as she spoke, and faced Rupert with a certain defiance. The sunshine, flickering through the trees, cast fantastic shadows over her white dress and made her hair shine like silver.

"I can't help you over this matter, Lady Flora; I only wish I could. You do believe that, don't you?"

He glanced at her almost caressingly as he spoke; his manner was deferential.

Flora smiled a second, then flung back her head, and stared up with a certain challenge.

"Then I shall see the Duke myself."

"You cannot do that," exclaimed Rupert seriously. "The Duke wouldn't believe your story for one instant, and he would be furious with you. He is a man of strong passions, for all that he holds himself so well in check. I tell you, Lady Flora, you mustn't. He might be abominably rude—even violent to you—there's no saying."

As Rupert spoke a mental vision passed before him of the delicate, stunted, little hunchback defying the big heavy Duke of Berkshire, the Duke who would suffer no word to be spoken in his hearing against his wife, the man whose rage once roused, might be boundless.

"I intend to go; you cannot stop me!" Flora spoke with calm deliberation, then walked slowly across the green turf in the direction of the Broad Walk. "Rupert followed her, begging her to alter her mind, but she was obstinate, inexorably determined.

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THE MONEY MARKET.

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Fears of Labour Unrest Keep the Public from Investing.

CONSOLS DROOP.

CAPEL COURT, Thursday Evening.—The slackness of the stock markets may now almost be regarded as a daily theme for the Stock Exchange scribe. For certainly at the moment there is little else to talk about. There is next to nothing doing anywhere. There was to-day a reflection of the San Francisco earthquake troubles, or rather of the fire resulting therefrom, in the weakness here of fire insurance companies' shares, since many of our great offices are largely interested in the chief American centres, and, of course, in San Francisco.

What the losses may be it is, of course, impossible to estimate until more exact news is forthcoming. But, as a matter of fact, though immediate losses may be pressing, insurance companies have ample funds set aside for the purpose, and the experience of offices is that big catastrophes of the kind do not more good than harm as advertisements, for they bring otherwise slack people up to the scratch in the matter of insurance.

Of course, the fact that both Paris and New York are competitors for gold in the London market does not help to make Consols better, and naturally people do not like any drain upon our gold resources with the consequent fears of dearer money. The Paris demand is, of course, temporary, largely due to the Russian loan preparations,

HOME RAILS DEPRESSED.

Some people seem to think that the San Francisco disaster will make the West take more gold from New York, and that New York may be called upon to take more from London. So Consols were dull at 90½, though it is safe to put down some of the present higher money rates to the Japanese withdrawals of money in connection with payments of Treasury bills presently. These Treasury bills were placed in London for the most part, and so the inconvenience is only quite temporary.

As for the Home Railway market, the better the traffics and the earnings position and the more hopeful the dividend forecasts, the lower prices fall. There is no doubt that much of it is attributed to fears of labour. Of course, there is labour unrest on the Clyde, in the cotton trade, and in other directions. And with the Government pledged to support the Labour Party through thick and thin, investors fear what may come next.

AMERICAN RAILS SUFFER.

Suppose, they say, that the Government made some drastic regulations in the matter of automatic couplings. That will come sooner or later, and in any case most of the companies are already thinking of providing for it, and are, to some extent, doing so. And it is easy to point out that on the basis of current earnings, which already provide dividends justifying present prices, the companies can put aside, out of revenue, considerable sums which, in the course of the next year or two, will meet any possible demands of these kinds.

But the market is so pessimistic, owing to the public apathy, that, in spite of selling being absent, prices droop, and the best that can be said is that last prices are, perhaps, above the worst.

Americans suffered rather severely at first, owing to the San Francisco troubles, and, naturally, this did not help Canadian Rails.

There is still pessimism in the Foreign Railway groups, and even the very good Rosario meeting to-day did not help Argentine Rails. The truth is that Argentine Rails there is a long existing "bull" account that would be better if it were thinned out. Speculators are vainly waiting for other people to take their stock.

KAFFIR-MARKET STICKY.

The Mexican Railway dividend came out to day, and was at the rate of 6d per cent. per annum on the First Preference. It was below some recent expectations, but above the gloomy forecasts of this morning, and so First Preferences rose to 120½.

At one time to-day the new Russian loan was quoted as low as 1 premium, but it slightly improved again later. Generally speaking, all foreigners are depressed owing to the approach of this big loan.

Evidently the belief in the agricultural recovery in Australia is having weight, for the Australian land shares continue to creep up. But the chief feature of the miscellaneous groups is still Anglo-American Telegraph Deferred, which has risen further to 21½. Dock stocks are dull on the Bill for amalgamating the London and the Millwall Docks being dropped.

The Kaffir Market was just sticky. But there is one item of news that is interesting, and that is that the Killarney Hibernia Company which recently lost gold owing to a Rhodesian highway robbery has recovered some of it, two of the robbers being arrested. The Natal news did not seem to have much effect on Kaffirs. Elsewhere Associates were firm on a good cablegram.

RECTOR RUINED BY DRINK.

At the Consistory Court at Llandaff, yesterday, the Rev. Richard Jones, rector of Bedwellty, Monmouthshire, was deprived of his living for drunkenness during divine service.



The authoress of the new "Daily Mail" feuilleton, which begins to-day. Lady Troubridge has already written a number of short stories and novels. Her first play, "Mrs. Oakleigh," was produced at the New Theatre in 1903.

No. 62.—AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS' COMPETITION.



Amateur photographers are invited to send interesting news photographs to the "Daily Mirror." For each one used 10s. 6d. will be paid, and every week a £2 2s. prize will be awarded to the sender of the picture adjudged by the Editor to be the best. No. 62, sent in by Mr. W. G. Leek, 1, Clarkson-avenue, Wisbech, shows people engaged in gathering flowers on a flower farm.

CURLING AT PRINCE'S SKATING CLUB.



During the present week there has been a great gathering of the clans at Prince's Skating Club contesting for the l'Anson Challenge Cup. In the foreground is Mr. W. T. Ray (skipper of Preston); behind, with a broom, is Mr. W. Ferguson (skipper of Bello Vue).

A NAPOLEONIC DINNER.



At the Cookery Exhibition at Paris one of the exhibits was a kitchen with a dinner being prepared as it was for the great Napoleon. The figures were wax-work and dressed in the costume of the period.—(Mailard, Paris.)

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No matter how simply furnished a guest-room may be, there should be in it some sort of writing table amply supplied with writing paper, ink, pens of all sorts, and blotting book. Another very important item is that however short a time a guest is to remain there should be space provided for the keeping of clothes and small things during the stay in the house, for the reverse state of affairs frequently causes great discomfort to the visitor.

On the dressing-table there should be a well-stocked pin-cushion, a box of hairpins, a hand-glass, and scissors. Some of these may seem unnecessary, as most guests are supplied with them, but frequently it happens that when packing small

Miss Ashwell's hair is worn in the manner of the times with clusters of little curls behind the ears.

Miss Helen Ferrers has in the same play the very beautiful dress of steel grey brocade embroidered with steel that is also illustrated. The undersleeves are of lace, and there is an effective collar upon the corsage. A long white tulle veil half hides and half reveals the daintily dressed coiffure.

TEA-TABLE CAKES.

ROUND CAKES.

INGREDIENTS.—One pound of sifted flour, eight ounces of castor sugar, ten ounces of butter, two ounces of candied peel, cut very finely, half a level teaspoonful of baking-powder.

Mix the flour, peel, and baking-powder well together. Beat the butter and sugar to a white cream and work it well into the flour. Work it up quite smooth, and roll it out three-quarters of an inch thick. Cut it into round shapes. Prick it over the top with an iron skewer, and bake it in a very slow oven for about an hour.

ALMOND PASTE.

INGREDIENTS.—One pound of ground almonds, fourteen ounces of castor sugar, four or five drops of almond essence, four or five drops of vanilla essence, two eggs.

Whisk the whites of the eggs and beat the yolks, and then add the whole to the ground almonds.



Gowns worn by Miss Lena Ashwell and Miss Helen Ferrers in "The Bond of Ninon" at the Savoy.

details are forgotten, and it is always unpleasant to have to ask one's hostess for them when this is so. Flowers in the room will breathe a silent welcome.

A couch should if possible be found in every guest-room, with a cover-pieced of some sort on it, which will serve as an additional covering for the bed in very cold weather. The question of bed covering is always an individual one; no one can assume safely how much or how little will be wanted, and for that reason it is well to be on the safe side and provide enough. The same remarks apply to pillows; many people require more than one, though numbers again do not.

A table with a candlestick and candle on it, a box of matches in plain view, and a work-basket with black cotton and silk, some hooks and eyes, needles, and thimbles—all these are great helps to the thorough enjoyment of a visit.

STAGE TOILETTES.

Miss Lena Ashwell as Ninon de L'Eclus at the Savoy Theatre in the play produced last night called "The Bond of Ninon" wears the beautiful dress depicted at the right of the sketch shown on this page. It is made of shrimp pink satin veiled with pale pink mousseuse de soie embroidered with roses and decorated down the sides of the overdress with silver tissue and knots of pale blue ribbon. The pointed bodice has a modesty of white tulle, and festoons of large pearls centred by an enormous ruby and diamond ornament decorate it.

Mix all together and knead it till perfectly smooth. Halve the mixture, take one-half, roll it out to the size wanted, and then place it on the cake. Separate the other half into little loaves, about $\frac{1}{2}$ in. high and $\frac{1}{4}$ in. round, and place them close together round the edge of the cake. Scatter preserved cherries and angelica over the centre, and put the cake into the oven to brown.

A RICH POUND CAKE.

INGREDIENTS.—One pound of flour, three-quarters of a pound of butter, three-quarters of a pound of castor sugar, one ounce of currants, one pound of sultanas, half a pound of mixed peat, two ounces of angelica, the grated rind of one large orange, six eggs, quarter of a pound of ground almonds, a quarter of a teaspoonful of carbonate of soda, one tablespoonful of brandy (if liked).

Beat the sugar and butter to a cream. Add the eggs by degrees, beating them for thirty minutes. Add the flour and soda by degrees, then the fruit, peel, angelica, etc. Well mix them together, and turn the result into a well-greased and papered tin. Bake the cake slowly in a moderate oven for about three hours. The longer it is in cooking the darker it will become. When cold cover the top with almond paste.

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Beckhampton's Pride Beaten at Newmarket—Barbaram Plate Won by Renaissance.

GINGAL AND THE "GUINEAS."

NEWARKET, Thursday Night.—Those who fancied Beckhampton's Pride for the City and Suburban Handicap cannot have flattered themselves on their judgment on seeing that horse cut up badly in the Apprentices' Plate to-day. It was backed at short prices, but got beaten into third place by Kaffir Chief and Scaraben. The former of this pair won in a canter from the bearer of the Duke of Portland's colours.

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By the way, the Duke now keeps seldom comes to Newmarket, and was not here this morning. He is a good judge to prefer Venice to this place, since the weather is very bitter, and there seems no prospect of immediate change. Complaints are made about the want of rain. The gallops have grown to hard, that training operations are considerably hindered. Clouds rolled up this afternoon, and a downpour seemed imminent as the candidates went to the post for the Column Produce-Stakes—one of the type of races detected by experienced backers.

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That erratic horse, Prince William, held best credentials, an odds-on chance, as it was rumoured, apparently on some authority, that Lord Almeric had bet heavily on him. He was one who figured on the favourite as they descended the Buses Hill. But he was closely pressed by Dingwall, the pair edging away to the right, and in a tight struggle Dingwall beat Prince William by a head. The winner was the outsider of the party, and his success brought much mirth to the bookmakers.

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Maiden two-year-old plates are frequently juries, especially when some of the entries are making a first appearance. Gingal, an Irish colt, had his will tried, and was ridden by Maher, a jockey who had got acquainted with the youngster in handling him several times in his morning gallops. But Brown Glass was early trouble, and the gallant horse, who had travelled more than three furrows when Pemdenis, travelling much more freely than his rivals, drew out and eventually scored very smoothly from them all, and finally won a very fine race by a neck. The oddsmen could be claimed, but Pemdenis was not beaten to the post.

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The Duke of Devonshire was present, but his colours were not spotted. Barbaram Plate, the principal race of the day, decided the last half-mile in the Cesarewitch course. Burgundy had hit his leg, and sent back to Beckhampton. In his absence Falconet, runner-up in the Queen's Prize, seemed best horse, and as little as to be accepted as the favourite, Kroumoff on the strength of his win at Kempton Park, was also much fancied, but it must at once be said he ran moderately and finished among the ruck. The favourite was a length and a half farther back.

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From start to finish Renaissance and Gingal figured conspicuously in the front rank. From the bunch home the contest resolved itself into a struggle between Renaissance, Falconet, and Challenger. The favourite was soonest in trouble, and the vigorous effort made by Challenger in the stretch was not quite effective, Renaissance winning a very fine race by a neck. The favourite was a length and a half farther back.

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Punters may have considered Barbaram the most interesting affair on this year, but it gave opportunity for much speculation, but of much more concern to the ordinary Turfite was the Wood Ditton Stakes, inasmuch as it introduced Gingal, one of the finest horses seen this year, and probably with the Two Thousand Guineas. The King had selected Nulli Secundus, The Cheveller was left in, but that candidate did not run. Odds were laid on Gingal, at the beginning and at the close of the race, in the interests of some enterprising bookmakers laid extra money which was spread up in the odds. There was great demand for Parliament, and Nero, albeit he looked fat and unfit, was backed by some persons who obviously knew little about the stable estimate on this occasion.

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Gingal won in a canter; indeed, he was eased quite a bit during the first half-mile, and the form and his fitness in the last half mile were second best for the Guineas. Prohibitory odds were laid on Parasi, the Ditch Stakes, but something of a fight was felt when Parasi was held for several seconds in the Dip, and up a bit of a bank by Dionysius. The latter was, however, shaken off by the man who laid a 1,000 to 400 several times smited again.

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Mr. Joel elected to run the Brenda colt rather than Darlinton in the Granary Plate, and he did well in the former, but he has been suffering slightly from sore shins, and the hard going told a tale at the close, as he was caught and beaten by the Minerva filly, who had a pull in the weights. This result made the day a remarkably bad one for backers.

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Betting.—Sporting Life—Prices: 11 to 4 for Prince William, 5 to 1 against Alma, 6 to 1, Lovana, 100 to 8

for Scaraben, 100 to 10 against others. Sportsman—Prices: 100 to 6 for Dingwall. Won by a head; a length divided the second and third.

3.0—A MAIDEN (at entry) TWO-YEAR-OLD PLATE of 50 sovs. R.M. (one mile). Mr. H. L. Lister's *PENDERELL*, 6 ft. 10 in. ... R. Griggs 1
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Betting.—Sporting Life—Prices: 13 to 8 for Mostyn Owen, 100 to 8 against others. Sportsman—Prices: 100 to 8

against each other. Sportsman—Prices: Won by a third; by three-parts of a length; half a length separated the second and third.

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Mr. L. de Rothschild's *FALCONET*, 7ft 1st lib. Higgs 3
Miss Clinton's *PARLAMENT*, 6 ft. 10 in. ... R. Griggs 1
(F. Jones), Mrs. Fletcher's *MADAM*, Alderman (Triggs Knight) (Plant), Ordway (Templeman), Guy Middleton (Rusell).

(Winner trained by Wright)

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(Winner trained by Wright)

Betting.—Sporting Life—Prices: 7 to 4 for Barbaram Plate, 100 to 8 against others. Sportsman—Prices: 100 to 7 for Renaissance

Won by a neck; a length and a half between the second and third. Barbaram Plate was fourth.

4.0—WOOD DITCH STAKES of 10 sovs each, h ft. 5 ft. with 200 sovs added, for two-year-olds. D.M. (one mile). Mr. W. Clark's *GINGAL*, Pindi, 8ft 12lb ... R. Griggs 1
Lord Lister's *DIONYSIUS*, 6ft 11in. ... R. Griggs 1
Mr. J. W. Larne's *SIMONSON*, 8ft 12lb ... R. Griggs 1
Also ran: Oltiz (Maher), Zinc (Mason), Harley (Templeman), Rose Maylie (Higgs), Rusk (J. Cannon), Magda (Combe), Lady (Plant), and Galopin Saint (Blades).

(Winner trained by Brewster)

Betting.—Sporting Life—Prices: 7 to 4 for Gingal, 100 to 8 against others. Sportsman—Prices: 100 to 8 for Renaissance

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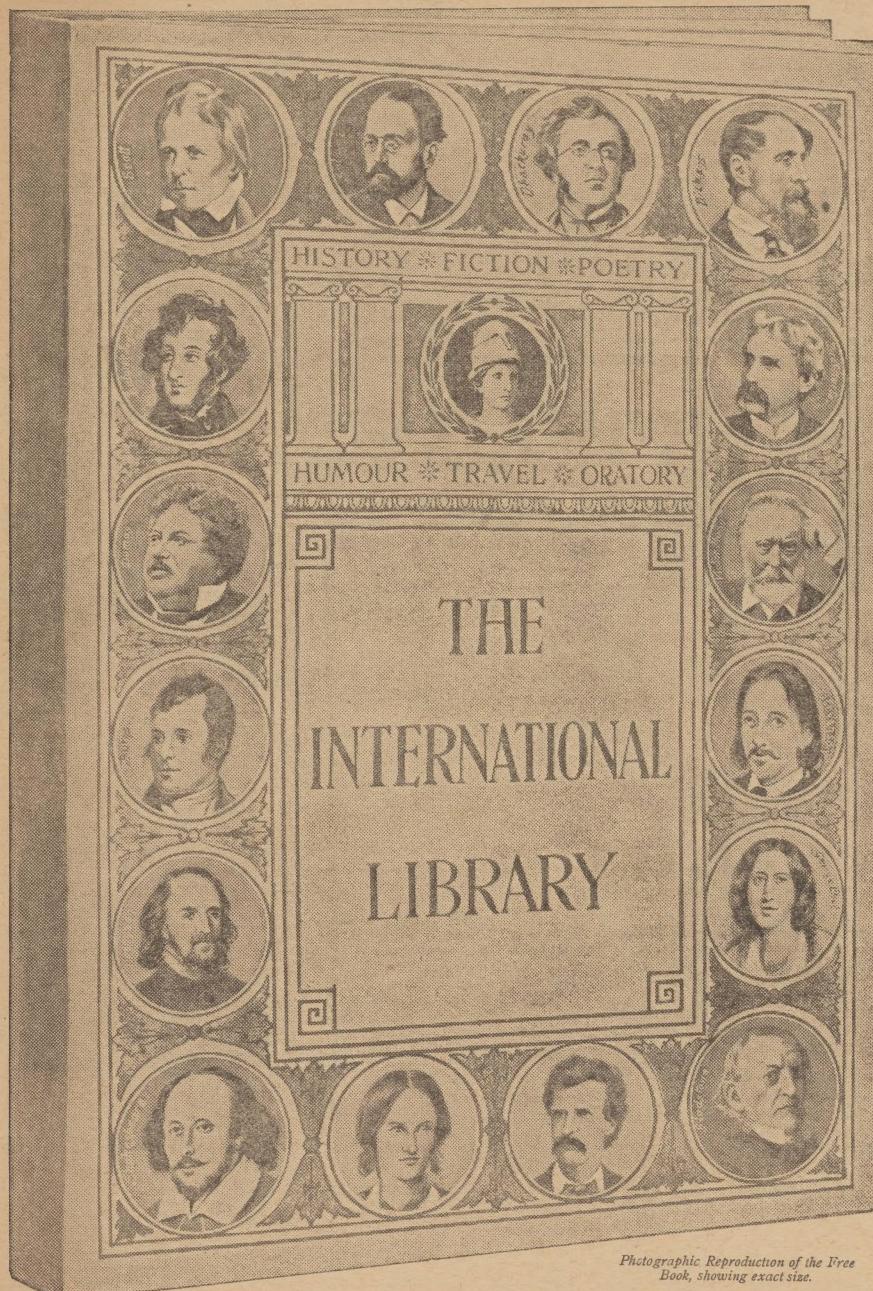
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